

2023

WEEK 4B, TERM 1



THE CHRONICLE

Wagga Wagga Christian College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Chronicle Readers,

This morning we had a wonderful assembly where the College community stopped to dedicate the year to doing God's work. Pastor Tom Foley, Mrs Emma McCormick, and the Secondary band all encouraged us with the belief that we should be relying on Jesus as we work here every day. We prayed for you, your children, and your children's teachers (including the staff who work in other areas of the College). Would you be able to commit to praying for these people every day? Perhaps each night as a family you could pray for one part of the College?

This week continues the busyness of life with the Primary swimming carnival. It should be a fun time, and if you have the chance, I encourage you to come to Junee and cheer these young people on. We will also have a water fun day for the very young children (which will be so much better due to the help of some great Year 10 students).



**CLICK
HERE**

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO COMMENT ON THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S SURVEY!

You have until THIS FRIDAY to contribute your personal views and experiences to the ALRC's Inquiry into anti-discrimination laws as they apply to religious organisations. Thank you for helping to preserve our school model for generations to come.

Thank you to the people who could come to the "Meet the Teacher" night last Thursday. It was terrific to see so many people. If you didn't make it, I hope you'll get a chance to see your child's teacher at one of the other events coming up during the year.

Very soon we will be hosting eight Christian Schools for the CSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. We would love it if you can attend the carnival at the Oasis Aquatic Centre. In previous years the visiting schools appreciated the care we have shown to the visiting teams, and I hope we can continue to show them our genuine Wagga hospitality again this year.

Have a great week.

Phillip Wilson
Principal



NAPLAN

NSW Education Standards Authority



NAPLAN 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the public demonstration site - [click here](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) - (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

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Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS

- The refreshment that is found only in Christ.
- An excellent start to the College year.

PRAYER FOR

- The CSSA Zone Swimming Carnival.
- All those adjusting to the school year.
- Great friends for all of our students and their families.
- All of us as we set the tone and direction of the year ahead.



INTRODUCING 2023'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

After an extensive endorsement process, we were pleased to announce the 2023 Primary School Leadership team on Friday. Mr Wilson and Mrs Greenlees were very proud of all the applicants and the wonderful leadership and Christ-like qualities they demonstrated. Congratulations to Hamish Brown and Mia Owers (Primary School Captains), Archer Harrison and Clare McCormick (Primary School Vice-Captains), Skye Atkinson and Tresor Izabayo (Lindner House Captains), Clare McCormick and Harry Bergmeier (West House Captains), Zara Berrigan and Zoe Robb (Vincent House Captains), Chelsea Reynolds and Liam Robinson (Rentoul House Captains).

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)

ALL SCHOOL MEET AND GREET

Last Thursday night the College provided an opportunity for parents to come along and meet their child's teachers and coordinators, as well as gain insight into what the year looks like for their child. Nights like these are important to us as we greatly value our College families and consistently seek to build a strong partnership with them. Thank you to those who came along and supported the evening!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



YEAR 7 RECEIVE THEIR DEVICES

It was an exciting day for Year 7 last Friday as they set up their new devices and started using them to assist in their learning. Although laptops are a great learning tool, it is important that students continue to practice respectful and responsible behaviour as they navigate the new device and learn the balance of their educational resources. Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Year 7 Device meeting last week!

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)



CHILD STUDIES VISIT PRESCHOOL

On Friday Year 9/10 Child Studies had their first Preschool visit of the year! It was very exciting as Preschool gave the new Year 9 Child Studies students a tour around the playground, showing them the sand pit, the river, and of course the toys! We love how our students collaborate on days like these, and we value the opportunity it gives our Child Studies class for a more hands-on experience.

[SEE THE PHOTOS...](#)





COLLEGE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The College had a lovely morning today as we hosted our All School Commissioning Service for 2023. This annual service is important to us as it is not only a time for us to confirm our commitment to serving the College under God, but to also gather as a community. Thank you to Pastor Tom Foley from Hope Church who spoke on Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". Pastor Tom asked what our treasure looks like and pointed out that what we put our effort into changes our heart. Thank you to those who were able to make it to the service and to Busy Bean Cafe for providing us with a delicious morning tea!



WELCOMING OUR DEFENCE FAMILIES!

Saturday evening at the Oasis, new and old Defence Families came together for an evening of fun and exploration. Bek Grant, WWCC Defence School Mentor and Heidi Combs, Community Relations Officer had the joy of connecting with some College families and meeting others who are new to our community. Well done to the Defence Community Organisation for their planning for this great event.



SEE THE PHOTOS FROM THE SUPERHERO MUFTI DAY!

[PHOTOS...](#)



WAGGA SOFTBALL

Harleigh Lang participated in the CWWHSSA Girls softball competition earlier this week. Harleigh, Year 10, played catcher for TRAC, as the College did not have team competition ready. Harleigh is passionate about softball and it was wonderful to watch her play so well and place third in the competition. Next year the College hope to enter a team for the first time in our history and support Harleigh's passion. Harleigh will be trialing for the CIS team later this month and we wish her all the best. If you have an interest in softball Mr Cunningham would love to speak with you.

LOVIN' SPORT



MINI MATILDAS SOCCER GALA DAY

Yesterday some of our Stage 3 girls were competing in the Mini Matildas Soccer Gala Day which had 8 games throughout the day. It was great to see the team enjoying the challenge and working together as those who play soccer regularly helped those with less experience; and even though it was a hot day, the girls pushed through with smiles. A big thank you to Football Wagga for providing our students with this great opportunity!



EXPERT INPUT FOR SECONDARY SPORT

Girls from Secondary School have the option to stretch it out in Pilates each Monday afternoon with expert Exercise Physiologist, Sam Jones, from @Evinco Exercise Physiology. Sam works the girls through a series of exercises to stretch and strengthen all the smaller muscles which work to hold the larger muscle groups. "Without the smaller muscle groups being strengthened the larger muscles won't have the same strength," the girls related after the class. Injury prevention in sports, working on flexibility and strengthening "my dance muscles" are some of the goals the girls are working towards. Thank you Sam for sharing your expertise with our students!



WORLD ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Secondary School students represented the College in the Schools Challenge at the World Athletics Cross Country Championships held in Bathurst last Friday. An amazing event with participants from across the country and the world, WXC Bathurst is held at Mount Panorama. The Schools Challenge kicks off a weekend of international running talent and it was an event like no other they had experienced. Will Carmichael, Year 12 and Freya Howard, Year 11, both finished in the top 15 of their respective races. A fantastic result when competing against such high caliber athletes. An inspiration to us all to start training for the College cross country which will cap off Term 1!



STATE CHAMPION - ARCHERY

Jasmine Stone, Year 12, is the current Junior Girls Bowhunter Unlimited State Champion! Jasmine has been part of the Wagga Wagga Field Archers for many years and her persistence and practice paid off at the State IFAA titles shoot held in Tumut over the weekend. Congratulations Jasmine on this wonderful achievement!

PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH OUR COMMUNITY BY EMAILING COMMUNITY@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU

For The Family



Kindergarten 2024

Year 7 2024

2024 INFO SESSIONS
AT THE COLLEGE
OPEN NIGHT

FIRST ROUND ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR
KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 7 2024 WILL CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023

CLICK ON THE QR CODE OR CONTACT THE
COLLEGE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



 Educating for Life



OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023
4:30 - 7:30PM

EXPLORE
PRESCHOOL - YEAR 12

TOURS
OPEN CLASSROOMS
2024 INFORMATION SESSIONS
PERFORMANCES

WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU
401 KOORINGAL RD
WAGGA WAGGA

OPEN NIGHT

 **CODE OF ORIGIN**
coding competition



Use 'Scratch' to create a simple 'catch game' which teaches the player about the crops and animal products grown in New South Wales.

Student created games will be part of a College Open Night Competition as well as being included in an interstate challenge highlighting what makes Australia unique. NSW is taking on Queensland in this 'produce' challenge.

OPEN TO YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

Winning entry to be played at College Open Night, Tues 7 March, and student awarded a \$40 gift voucher for **EB GAMES** EB Games.

You don't need to be an expert, competition suitable for 'Scratch' beginners. See Mrs Alcorn for more information and entry form.

ENTRIES DUE FRIDAY 3 MARCH

OPEN NIGHT BBQ

CAN YOU HELP?

Turning sausages
Taking orders
Giving change

Help needed from 4:00 - 7:30
Tuesday 7th March

Contact Heidi or Bek
community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

Help raise funds for the
Year 9 & 10 Tasmania Excursion

HELP NEEDED

CSSA Zone Swimming BBQ Brekkie

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY
FROM 7 - 8:00AM, D1



CAN YOU HELP?

The Dubbo Swim Team is travelling to Wagga for the CSSA Zone Swimming Carnival.

Please consider if you can spend an hour cooking or serving to help welcome the students and teachers.

RSVP - COMMUNITY@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU



ALL ARE
WELCOME!

COME JOIN US



COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 7PM
MEET IN THE TLA FOYER
OPEN TO ALL
COLLEGE PARENTS/CARERS

Discussing:
Fete involvement
Class Parent Representatives
Update - College
events/activities

Contact the Community Team
community@wwcc.nsw.edu.au



#waggachristiancollegefete2023
#parentpartnership
#jointhecommunitycommittee

Defence Family Welcome Lunch

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 @ 1:30 PM
TLA FOYER

RSVP - BEK GRANT -
DEFENCE@WWCC.NSW.EDU.AU



Year 1 Family Catch Up



Saturday, March 25
Adventure Playground
Wagga Beach Riverside Precinct
from 9:30am

RSVP by Thursday, March 23
Cassie - 0424 335 492



For The Students

MATHS Tutorials

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 3:30 - 4:30PM IN C2

Open to any Year 5 - 12 student
keen to improve their maths skills.
See Mr Gyles for any further
information.

WRITING Tutorials

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 3:15 - 4:00PM
IN THE LIBRARY

Open to any Year 7 - 12 student
keen to improve their writing skills.
This is an opportunity to get
feedback on writing tasks.
See Mr Xeros for any further
information.

WWCC Primary Code Club



Learn to Code!



Years
4-6

Wednesdays in F1
LUNCHTIME



CHIPS WITH JESUS

WITH MR AVERY

LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY
COME AND GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER TOGETHER
Yr 7 - 8 Wed Lunchtime C3
Yr 9 - 12 Thurs Lunchtime C3

CALLING ALL K-6 STUDENTS!
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
COME AND JOIN OUR BRAND NEW

Primary Choir!

MONDAY LUNCHTIME
in KO.

COLLEGE COUNSELLOR

Mr Geoff McLean

Hello there!
Thanks for stopping by . . .



EMPOWERMENT

WELLBEING

AFFIRMATION

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL:

kicking-off, not kicked-out.

High school has well and truly kicked-off for our Year 7's, but next week it gets real as they attend their 'kick-off' camp at Attunga. You'll find it in the beautiful Southern Highlands of NSW in a place called Canyonleigh.

Starting high school is one of the key milestones of any teenager's life. It's a thrilling phase that happens alongside other big changes. Teens experiencing this transition are shifting from having parents and home as their main focus. Their friends may now become the most important people in their life. Teens are also going from what is familiar to what is unknown which can result in resilience seemingly taking a back seat.

According to Dr. Justin Coulson, there isn't a magic solution to raising resilient teens. "One-on-one, parent-to-child is where the real work of the family is done. We build resilience in the minute-by-minute micro interactions we have with our children where we tap into their lives and shore up their confidence and feelings of worth" [1]. While it's good to give your teen the freedom to form their identity, to make new friends and to explore their interests, you still play a key role in helping them to navigate this phase.

"Attunga" is an aboriginal word that means 'High Place'. And it's up high that a lot of identity exploration, friendship-forging and limit-finding takes place. It may only be through the cheers of support of your mates that you find the courage to pull the rope from the tree-tops on the giant swing. Perhaps the confidence to fly through the tree-tops on the zip-line you only found through last night's authentic discussions with your peers. Could a new found love of horses be sparked on the hilltop escarpment?

While high-school has kicked-off for our teens, we as parents are not kicked out.

References:

[1] Coulson, J. (2017). 9 Ways to a resilient child. Sydney: Harper Collins

To get in touch with the College Counsellor
phone the College on 6923 888 or email: g.mclean@wwcc.nsw.edu.au

COACHING YOUR CHILD THROUGH FRIENDSHIP DRAMA

≡ DON'T ≡

TRY TO FIX THE PROBLEM FOR THEM.

- ◆ "You need to stay away from them for a while."
- ◆ "I'm going to call their parents right now!"

FORCE YOUR CHILD TO STAY WITH OR CHANGE FRIENDS.

- ◆ "You are not allowed to play with them anymore!"
- ◆ "You have been friends since 1st grade. You need to keep your friendship."

ASSUME YOUR CHILD IS ALWAYS THE VICTIM.

- ◆ "You're always getting picked on."
- ◆ "You poor thing. You can't stand up for yourself because you're smaller."

MINIMIZE HURTFUL COMMENTS.

- ◆ "I'm sure you two will be fine by tomorrow. You always make up."
- ◆ "Let it go. I'm sure they didn't mean it."

BAD TALK THE FRIEND

- ◆ "I never liked you being friends with them!"
- ◆ "They have anger management issues they need to work out."

≡ DO ≡

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD WITHOUT JUDGMENT AND GIVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION.

- ◆ "What happened?"
- ◆ "What do you think the problem is?"

ASK OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SITUATION.

- ◆ "How did you feel when they said that?"
- ◆ "What bothered you the most about that situation?"

SHOW EMPATHY.

- ◆ "That must have felt really hurtful when they called you that."
- ◆ "It must have been very hard to stay in class after that happened."

ASK WHAT KIND OF HELP THEY NEED FROM YOU.

- ◆ "How can I support you right now?"
- ◆ "What do you need?"
- ◆ "I'm always here if you need my help."

BRAINSTORM TOGETHER.

- ◆ "What are some options that you would be comfortable trying to deal with this?"
- ◆ "How do you think they would react if you tried doing that?"

Talk regularly about friendships. Use audio stories, books, social media, and your personal experiences as conversation starters to point out what good and healthy friendships do and do not look like.



FAMILY IS EVERYTHING



GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR MANASA KOLIVUSO



7TH - 13TH MARCH
6:30 - 9:00 PM

WAGGA WAGGA SYMPOSIUM

GLENDFIELD PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
08 TANDA PL, GLENDFIELD PARK NSW 2650

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TOM ON : 0427968897



Made For A Trade

- Are you a student who wants to know more about a career in a trade?
- Are you a parent who wants to help their child with choosing the right career?
- Are you an employer who would like to create opportunities to engage with local students to find your next apprentice?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions please join us to hear about the opportunities available in the Wagga community through the Made For A Trade program sponsored by TSA Management.

Find out more at the Information Evening for both parents and students!

- Hear stories from award-winning apprentices.
- Meet with tradespeople who have recently commenced or finished their apprenticeship.
- Discuss various trades with local business owners.
- Speak with staff from local Apprenticeship and Traineeship organisations.

Attendance at the information evening is compulsory for acceptance into the Made For A Trade program.

Made For A Trade Information Evening

Date: 23 March 2023

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Location: The Premier Room at The Mercure

Light refreshments will be available.

Use the QR code to register →



For more information please contact Stacey Suidgeest, Senior Project Officer, Training Services NSW: 0477 341 030 or stacey.suidgeest@det.nsw.edu.au



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2023

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STAGE 1 TRANSITION COMP CRICKET WAGGA WAGGA



STARTING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY THE 22ND
5:30PM-6:30PM AT ROBERTSON OVAL
OPEN TO ALL AGED 7-10
PRICE - \$50

The program will run for 5 weeks and include a cricket blast prize pack for all involved.

Find your local club using QR code:



Contact : angus.rowan@cricketnsw.com.au



CHURCH COMMUNITIES YOU ARE WELCOME!



Connect online and discover meeting times and more with the following church communities:



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